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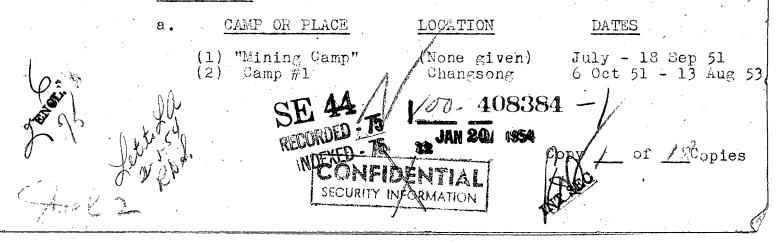
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1. BİOGRAPHICAL DATA AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE

twenty-one (21) years of age. eleven (11) years formal education nome address - c/o

- b. (1) Subject surrendered to the CCF at NUNG-GAL, Korea on 18 May 1951. Subject stated that His group which was down to three (3) men, was surrounded and that they were trying to fight their way out when they surrendered.
- (2) When He surrendered Subject had a Heavy Weapons MOS, He acted as a platoon runner, assistant radio operator and amno bearer in Company D, 1st Battalion, 38th Regiment, 2d Division.
- (3) Subject was returned to UN control at "Panmunjon" on 19 August 1953. He was returned to CONUS on the USNS Marine Adder on 5 September 1953.
- (4) In the Psychiatric Survey it was stated that Subject was marched to the North for nine (9) days after his surrender, but then managed to escape for four (4) days before His recapture. No other details given.

2. INTERNMENT



b. Camp Organization and Control

- (1) Subject stated that squad and unit leaders were picked at random and that they remained in these positions depending on their Cooperation. At Camp #1 the Chinese selected new leaders whom the Chinese thought would Cooperate.
- (2) According to Source the Chinese platoon leaders occasionally asked Squad leaders if all the men were present.
- 3. (a) Subject described physical security as consisting of guards between the Companies, roving guards, and guard towers; but, no fences.
- (b) Subject stated that other than the Chinese eavesdroppers He had no knowledge of an informant net within The Camps.

c. Enemy Fersonalities

at Camps to which he was assigned:

Korgo

(1)**X**Yung, "Flyboy" - 2nd Company interpretor (fnu) - 3rd platoon leader (2) XLugwa, (3) Chin, (4) Ro, "Vrinkles"- platoon leader "Spittin Sam" - Company instructor & interpretor (5) Jon, "Lightnin" - officer, Company instructor and interpretor (6)XVong, (fnu) - 3rd company interpretor (fnu) - platoon interpretor (8) hwin, (fnu) - 3rd platoon instructor and interpretor AJon, "Ruhberneck"- platoon leader. (10 Shin, (fnu) - regiment

d. Duties and Activities of Subject

(1) Subject claimed that He had no position in the PW Camp. He said that He Chopped wood for the Cooks, slept, read, played cerds, volleyball, softball, and basketball.

stated that there is some good and bad about every system, but that He would never want to live under Communism. He claims that communism in practice is different than its dictionary definition. He does not see where Communism would work in the US. He asserts that he wants the privilege to get up in the world and that He has the guts and brains to do so, and that one doesn't get something for nothing. Subject states that Communism is not very democratic, although Communists say it is the only true democracy. He says that under Communism there is no political freedom, and no justice in trials. Subject states that the Communist socialized medicine might be all right.

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him on his work in getting signatures on a petition for a cease fire in Korea.

(4) Subject asserted that He saw guards pick marijuana and give it to PsW, and that after the PsW developed a taste for it the Chinese wouldn't let them have it, stating it was bad for their health. Subject said a guard gave Him a handful of marijuana one day. Source added that if the Chinese wanted a Charge against a PW, they would allow the PW to sneak out of Camp for marijuana, then catch him and accuse him of attempted escape or rape.

(5) Source advised that had kept a skimpy diary in Camp.

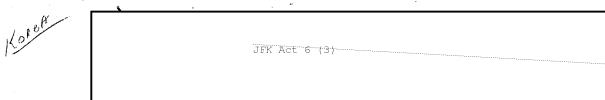
e. Categorical Segregation

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f. Transfer of Prisoners

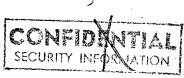
Subject gave the following information regarding the transfer of prisoners:

(1) On or about 5 August 53; several men in two groups were moved from Camp #1 to an unknown location. The identified PsW in these groups were:



Source stated that the above-mentioned PSN were leading reactionaries and He believes the Chinese moved them to avoid trouble when the Armistice and repatriation took place. Source further stated that shortly after his arrival in KAESONG. North Korea on 18 August 53, He saw on trucks moving through KAESONG to an unknown destination.

(2) Returnee stated that the following FsW were removed from His Camp because He believes the Chinese thought they might harm some of the "progressives":



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Prisoners Not Repetriated

(1) Subject stated that about 1 Aug 53 several PsW were sentenced to prison by the Chinese. Among these PsW were;

(a) - US Army charged with assisting another PW to escape from jail and other Charges Sentenced to Three (3) years Confinement. (fnu) - US Army, Hawaiin Charged with (b) instigating reign of terror in Camp. Sentenced to Two (2) years Confinement.

> INTERROGATION 3.

Techniques a.

Subject reported that all, PsW were interrogated at one time or another, and whenever the Chinese thought a PW knew something of importance to the Chinese. Source said that FsW were required to write self-criticisms; and a compulsory autobiography listing their military history, names and address of parents and relatives, occupation, property, income, friends, and political effiliation.

> ъ. Essential Elements of Information

JFK Act 6 (3) did not reveal information in regard to enemy EEI.

Mistreatment

(1) Source asserted that after his surrender medical treatment was inadequate; that maggots infested the wounds, no fresh dressings, and that bandages were worn for two (2) or three (3) weeks. Returnee stated that He was beaten with a stick, was kicked, and had His eyes gouged with fingers, because he tried to rest from the exhausting march. He said He lost sixty (60) pounds because of the worm-infested food; but that the Chinese food was much better after October 1951.

(2) Source claimed that the following PsW might have information on mistreatment or atrocities;



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	camp - out of 700 PsW who started the march only 250 reached Camp #1
i de la companya de l	(3) Returnee stated that at one time the Chinese tried to set up a disciplinary committee among the prisoners to decide on punishment for violations by the PsW. It didn't work. Subject further advised that (fnu), negro mess sergeant at "Mining Camp" (summer 1951) sold prisoner's rations and refused food to a sick prisoner, who hadn't been able to eat for several days previously.
	(4) Returnee stated that (fnu) was charged unjustly (charge not stated) by the Chinese, taken out of the Company during the night (winter 1952-53) and placed in unheated confinement. toes froze. The PsW appealed to the Chinese who answered that would be confined until he confessed. Some PsW released and took him to a Company room. The Chinese then took to regiment where Subject believes he was put in a cage and confined for 90 days before he confessed. Subject stated that there were similar and worse cases (not enlarged upon).
	4. INDOCTRINATION AND COLLABORATION
•	a. Indectrination
٠	(1) Subject Matter of Propaganda
a	Subject stated that the first lecture He heard at "Mining Camp" was given by the Chinese on "Primitive Communism". He further stated that at "Mining Camp" study was compulsary, eight (8) hours a day; that it was compulsary at Camp #1 until early 1952; and that in October 1952 there was compulsary attendance at lectures on germ warfare. These lectures on germ warfare were given by the Chinese, but Source claimed He heard wire-recordings made by Americans on this topic. Subject said that (fnu) was the head of the voluntary study group in the 3rd Company.
	Returnee advised that books on Communism, lectures movies on the progress of industry and construction under Communism, and charts were other means used during indoctrination.
	(2) Special Training
	Returnee had nothing to report on training.
	(3) Newspapers, Periodicals, and other Publications
	believes He saw a copy of "New Life" pasted on a wall at Camp #1; that it was published in KANGEE. Subject further stated that He saw one issue, and remembers an anti-American cartoon by entitled " A CI Wakes Up". Source also recalls the following papers and periodicals in Camp;
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Shanghai News
Daily Worker
Towards Truth and Peace
National Guardian
Peoples World
Peoples China
China Monthly Review
Soviet Literature
China Pictorial

Returnee stated that His Company had a "Wall" newspaper. Staff members, selected by the Chinese were and They had special living quarters. Kore

Returnee asserted that instructor YONG suggested that He read "Hidden History of Korea" by I.F. STONE, after His release.

(4) Petitions and Recordings

Source stated that the following individuals circulated petitions in Camp:

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JFK Act 6 (3)

Source advised that a complete list of PsW who made recordings is printed in the magazine "China Monthly Review" from Shanghai. He believes it was in a 1953 issue of the magazine.

(5) Movies and Photographs

Subject stated that movies were taken about three (3) times, but that the British were the only ones that really Cooperated. Still group pictures of athletics, dances, and other events were also taken.

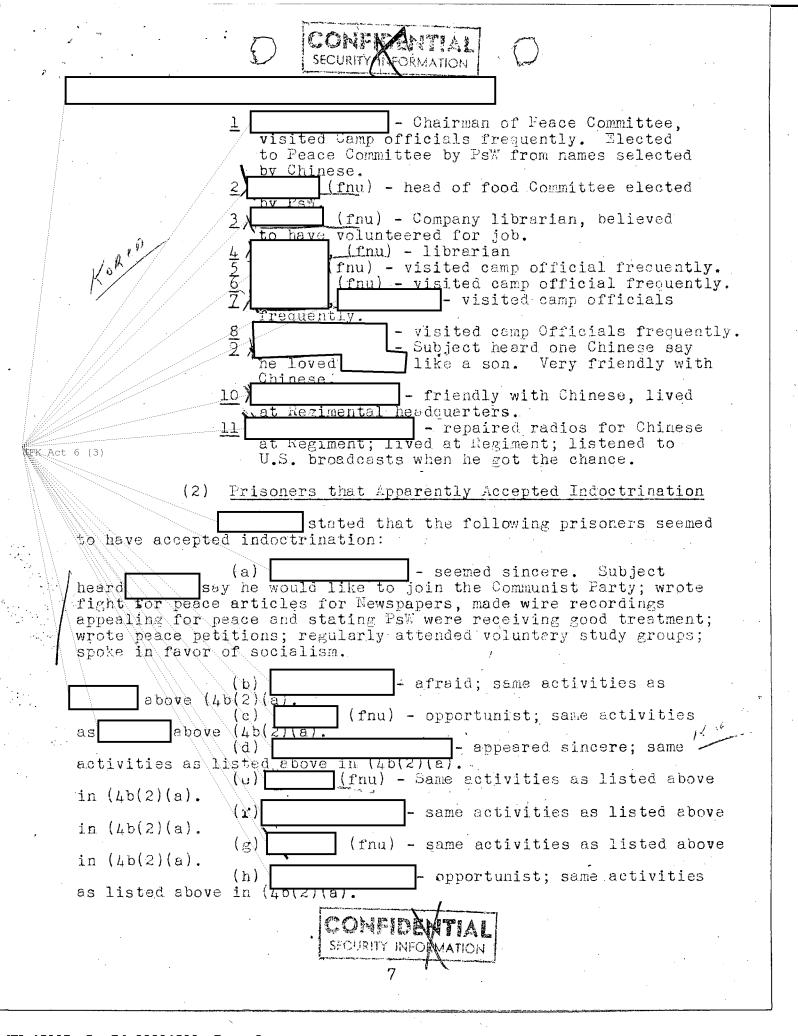
b. Collaboration

(1) Names and Positions of Alleged Collaborators

(fnu) attempted to influence other PsW to follow and accept Communist theories.

(b) Subject asserted that the following PsW performed the duties as indicated:





- opportunist; same activities as listed above in (4b(2)(a), although he did not write peace petitions.

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(3) Prisoners Who Had Activities Distant From Camp

Subject asserted that the following PsW were elected as delegates by PsW to a Conference in PAKTONG, for the purpose of presenting complaints of PsW:

(a) (fnu) (fnu) Kor.

Returnee stated that _____ once left the Camp and said he went to Camp #3 for study reasons.

(4) Names of Prisoners That Refused Repatriation

Subject believes that the following PsW possibly refused repatriation. If so, it is His opinion that it is based on fear of reprisals because they were leaders in the "Progressive" movement and closely cooperated with the Chinese in the propaganda program:

US Army,

(b)

(c)
(d)
(e)
(f)

US Army, home in Minnesota

US Army

(5) Activities of Soviet Personnel

Subject stated that during His march to Camp He saw Caucasions operating Anti-Aircraft guns and believes they were Russians. He also saw people passing through the Camp, whom He believes were Russians.

(6) RECOMENDATIONS

a. The Chairman of the JIPB stated that Subject is apparently a potential security risk.

b. The Counterintilligence Representative believes Subject to be a potential security risk; that Subject absorbed some of the Communist ideology; and that other sources (listed only as #263, #53, #277, and #311) indicated that Subject was an informer, a "progressive", and cooperated and was friendly with the Chinese.

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OSI and ONI Representatives believe Subject is a potential Security risk.

The Tsychiatric Diagnosis by USAF, MC, revealed that Subject apparently made a realistic adjustment to prison life; appeared to be well-motivated and His escape attempt ouite resourceful; His memory was good, judgment good and has a degree of insight.

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